

*IPW AT
2173*

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re Application of:
Broussard

Serial No. 09/870,622

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
ENCAPSULATING SOFTWARE
COMPONENTS IN AN
APPLICATION PROGRAM INTERFACE
USING A PROXY OBJECT

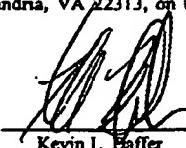


Group Art Unit: 2173
Examiner: Bonshock, D.

Atty. Dkt. No. AUS920010260US1
(5468-07300)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313, on the date indicated below:

October 25, 2004
Date



Kevin L. Baffet

APPEAL BRIEF

Box AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Further to the Notice of Appeal faxed to and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office August 24, 2004, Appellant presents this Appeal Brief. The Notice of Appeal was filed following mailing of a final Office Action on May 27, 2004. Appellant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from a final rejection of claims 1-17 in the final Office Action, and respectfully requests that this appeal be considered by the Board.

I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The subject application is owned by International Business Machines Corporation, a corporation having its principal place of business at New Orchard Road, Armonk, New York, 10504, as evidenced by the assignment recorded at Reel 011888, Frame 0535.

02/02/2005 BHILLIAR 00000002 090447 09870622

01 FC:1402

340.00 DA